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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A size-convertible pillow or duvet cover, comprising:

a cover defining an internal portion for receiving a pillow or duvet and an external portion having a front face and a rear face, wherein said faces define a first length, said cover further defining an open end communicating with said internal portion, and said front face defining at least one opening therethrough;

a flap portion folded within the internal portion at the open end of the cover and forming a pouch within the internal portion of the cover, said flap portion having a front face and a rear face and side edges, with each side edge joined to a respective side edge of the rear face of the cover so to form said pouch; and

at least one fastener attached to the front face of the flap portion, wherein said fastener is engagable with the at least one opening through the front face of the cover to secure the cover over a pillow or a duvet having a length receivable within the cover.

2. (original) The cover of claim 1, further comprising at least one loop attached to the front face of the external portion of the cover, wherein said loop engages the at least one fastener.

3. (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the fastener is a button.

4. (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the front face of the external portion of the cover defines a plurality of openings therethrough and wherein a plurality of fasteners are attached to the front face of the flap portion so that each fastener engages a mating opening.

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5. (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the flap defines a length, and wherein the cover further comprises a tape applied around the external surface of the cover at a position spaced apart from the open end at a distance substantially equal to the length of the flap.
6. (original) The cover of claim 5, further comprising at least one loop attached to the front face of the external portion of the cover at the tape, wherein said loop engages the at least one fastener.
7. (original) The cover of claim 1, wherein the flap defines a length, and wherein the cover further comprises at least one other fastener attached to the rear face of the external portion of the cover at a distance from the open end substantially equal to the length of the flap, and wherein the cover further comprises at least one loop attached to the front face of the external portion of the cover, wherein the flap portion, and portions of the front and rear faces of the external portion are foldable and insertable into the internal portion of the cover to shorten the length of the front and rear faces.
8. (original) The cover of claim 7, wherein the at least one other fastener attached to the rear face of the external portion of the cover is engageable with the at least one loop so that a different pillow or a different duvet having a length that is shorter than the first length may be received within the cover.
9. (original) The cover of claim 7, wherein the at least one other fastener comprises a plurality of fasteners attached to the rear face of the external portion of the cover, and wherein the at least one loop comprises a plurality of loops, and further wherein each loop is engageable

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with a mating other fastener so that a different pillow or a different duvet having a length that is shorter than the first length may be received within the cover.

10. (original) The cover of claim 7 wherein the at least one other fastener is a button.
11. (original) The cover of claim 7, wherein the cover further comprises a tape applied around the external surface of the cover at a position spaced apart from the open end at a distance substantially equal to the length of the flap.
12. (original) The cover of claim 11, wherein said at least one other loop is attached to the front face of the external portion of the cover at the tape.
13. (original) The cover of claim 12, wherein the wherein the flap portion, and portions of the front and rear faces of the external portion are foldable and insertable into the internal portion of the cover so as to define a new open end of the cover at the tape.
14. (original) The cover of claim 7, wherein the portion of the front face of the external portion of the cover that is inserted into the internal portion of the cover contacts the pillow or the duvet when the pillow or duvet is received within the cover.
15. (original) The cover of claim 7, wherein the portion of the rear face of the external portion of the cover that is inserted into the internal portion of the cover contacts the pillow or the duvet when the pillow or duvet is received within the cover.
16. (original) The cover of claim 7, wherein a portion of the pillow or duvet is held in the fold formed between the flap and the internal portion of the cover opposite the rear face when the pillow or duvet is received within the cover.

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17. (original) A method for converting a pillow case or duvet cover from a first size to accommodate a pillow or duvet with a first length to a second size to accommodate another pillow or another duvet with a second length shorter than said first length, comprising:

providing a cover defining an internal portion for receiving the pillow or duvet or the another pillow or another duvet, said cover further defining an external portion having a front face and a rear face, wherein said faces define a first length, said cover further defining an open end communicating with said internal portion, and said front face defining at least one opening therethrough;

folding a flap portion within the internal portion at the open end of the cover and forming a pouch within the internal portion of the cover, said flap portion having a front face and a rear face and having at least one fastener attached to the front face of said flap portion, so that upon folding the cover faces define a second length shorter than said first length; inserting the another pillow or another duvet into the internal portion through the open end of the cover; and

engaging said fastener with the at least one opening through the front face of the cover to secure the cover over the another pillow or duvet.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the flap portion defines a length, and wherein the cover further comprises at least one other fastener attached to the rear face of the external portion of the cover at a distance from the open end substantially equal to the length of the flap, and wherein the cover further comprises at least one loop attached to the front face of the external portion of the cover, and wherein folding a flap portion comprises folding the flap

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portion and folding and inserting portions of the front and rear faces of the external portion into the internal portion of the cover to shorten the length of the front and rear faces.

19. (currently amended) A size-convertible pillow or duvet cover, comprising:

a cover defining an internal portion for receiving a pillow or duvet and an external portion having a front face and a rear face, wherein said faces define a first length, said cover further defining an open end communicating with said internal portion, and said front face defining at least one opening therethrough, wherein said front and rear faces further define a second length shorter than said first length when portions of said front and rear faces are folded into the internal portion at the open end of the cover;

a flap portion folded within the internal portion at the open end of the cover and having a front face and a rear face and a length, said flap portion forming an open integral pouch defining a receiving space between the flap portion rear face and the cover rear face for receiving a portion of a pillow or a duvet of a length comparable to said first length of said front face and said rear face of said cover when said portions of said front and rear faces are not folded into the internal portion said flap portion having a front face and a rear face; and

at least one fastener attached to the front face of the flap portion, wherein said fastener is engagable with the at least one opening through the front face of the cover to secure the cover over [a] the pillow or [a] the duvet having a first length receivable within the cover.